REFERENCE TO THE SUPPLY OF FUNGUS INFESTED AND STALE BREAD TO PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BY THE DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION UNDER THE FREE MEAL SCHEME

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman. I would like to draw the attention of the House and also the Ministers of Education and Health—both are here happily—to a serious report which appeared in the newspapers today—

"Fungus-infested, foul-smelling, stale and discarded bread is being supplied to some of the two lakh young students of the primary schools run by the Delhi Municipal Corporation."

I believe a team of Education and Health officers inspected these school and the team confirmed that the bread had fungus and was unfit for human consumption. In two dozen schools samples were found to be infested with fungus, and the supplier is the Hindustan Food Industries, a public sector undertaking. Previously also complaints were made against this concern yet the supply was continued. The problem appears to be that the Hindustan Food Industries factory in Delhi is unable to meet the requirements of the schools here, and in order to meet its commitment to the Delhi Municipal Corporation suplies are being brought from Jaipur and the bread from Jaipur comes by truck and naturally, therefore, apart from getting stale due to the time lag in the journey, the bread becomes crumpled by the time it arrives here. It is a very serious matter. Everyday over two lakh children are supplied with this bread and the total cost is about Rs. 1.6 crores which is given by the Government of India. It works out to 25 paise per head. This itself is a pittance and even if this much is not given to the children in a hygienic condition, it is a very sad commentary on our performance. I would request the Ministers of Education and Health to order an inquiry immediately and take serious action against the erring officials and other culprits.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE COURT OF THE ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move—

"That in pursuance of item (xxiv) of clause (1) of statute 14 of the Statutes of the Aligarh Muslim University, as amended by the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1981, (No. 62 of 1981), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, three members from among the members of the House, to be members of the Court of the Aligarh Muslim University."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE AUROVILLE (EMERGENCY PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL, 1985

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Auroville (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1980.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI K. C. PANT: Madam, I introduce the Bill.

SHORT-DURATION DISCUSSION ON THE STATEMENT ON TEXTILE POLICY—contd.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We had concluded the discussion on the Textile Policy yesterday. Mr. Minister, you may reply now.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): Madam Deputy Chairman, I am grateful to the honourable Members for the wide support that they have extended to the new textile policy and I